

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2006

CATEGORY	2006	2005	YTD 06	YTD 05
CSEPP INCIDENTS	4	4	45	60
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	6	5
FIRE	39	21	272	242
HAZMAT	200	167	1648	1572
OTHER	45	33	358	257
911 OUTAGES	4	3	30	32
SAR	58	45	563	447
TERRORIST	0	0	1	0
WEATHER	5	3	47	51
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	1	2
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(2)	(5)	(34)	(30)
TOTAL	355	276	2971	2668

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages
ESAR	Evidence Search Mission (not included in total numbers)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On September 1, the EOC continued it's assistance to the Makah Tribal Nation in Clallam County concerning their water resource shortage. WSDOT and alternate water resource information was provided. Fire suppression resources for the peninsula area were coordinated with tribal authorities. Coordination was implemented from the Federal office of Indian Health Services in Portland, FEMA

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Region X, EPA Region X, Environmental Health, Bureau of Reclamation, US Coast Guard, US Navy, US Army, Clallam County EMD and DHS Region 2. On the 9th EMD completed coordination of a water desalinization unit from California. Delivery was completed on Sept. 11th. On going coordination included research of the availability of a large capacity water pump. This action to be completed October 2nd 2006.

- On September 1, the National Weather Service issued Red Flag Warnings for multiple counties on the west side of the Cascades. A Fire Weather Watch was issued for East Cascades and Eastern Washington due to low humidity and high Haines Index. The Fire Weather Watch was in effect for Sunday, September 3 and was upgraded to a Red Flag Warning until 2100 hours September 4, 2006. The severe fire weather expired on September 4th with two new fires started during this period.
- On September 4, Washington State Fire Service Mobilization resources for the Quinn's Meadows Fire in Stevens County were demobilized as the fire was 100% contained. The State EOC remains at Phase II for the Columbia County Complex Fire.
- On September 7, the National Weather Service in Pendleton issued a Fire Weather Watch for Southeastern and South Central Washington for the next seven days. Fire Danger was significantly increased during this period due to the high temperature and low humidity. The Fire Weather Watch was converted into a Red Flag Warning for a 24-hour period the following day and returned to the originally issued Watch as cooler weather moderated temperatures somewhat. The Fire Weather Watch was terminated by the National Weather Service just before midnight on September 12th.
- On September 9, Fire Mobilization was approved for a 300 acre fire located approximately 5 miles west of Kettle Falls, Stevens County. The State EOC remained at Phase II Enhanced Staffing to support the firefighting efforts throughout Washington State. Demobilized commenced on September 13th at 1600 hours after containment was achieved. A total of 485 acres were burned by this fire.
- On September 10, additional ground Search and Rescue resources were coordinated with Skagit and King Counties to assist Snohomish County for the extraction of an injured hiker on Kennedy Trailhead. Subject was rescued and transported to a local area hospital in stable condition.

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- On September 12, the State EOC was activated to a simulated Phase III for the graded Columbia Generating Station Exercise Drill. The exercise commenced at 0813 hours and was terminated at 1404 hours.
- On September 21, additional ground Search and Rescue resources were coordinated from Kitsap, Pierce, and Thurston Counties to assist Grays Harbor County with the search for a missing 36 year-old male missing 5 days on the Rainforest Trailhead. The search was terminated on September 23rd when the subject was located deceased.
- On September 30, the National Weather Service in Pendleton issued a Red Flag Warning for the lower Columbia basin affecting Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla, Franklin, Benton, and Klickitat Counties. The weather warning was terminated at 0800 p.m. the same day.
- On September 30, Mason County commenced a search for a missing 32 year-old male on the Squaxin Indian Reservation. Mason County called back to request a dog team to aid in the search and Grays Harbor search dogs were contacted for support. The search remained open as this reporting period ended.
- For the month of September 2006 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 88 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 11 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 773 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 25 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
 - Participated in 33 exercises of which 18 were vessel spill drills
 - Made 1257 and answered 1527 telephone calls
 - Conducted 1767 National Warning System Tests, conducted 240 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)

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- Conducted 53 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted 5 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 6 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)